

**BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF
WESTERLY FIRE DISTRICT
180 BEACH ST
WESTERLY, RI 02891
FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chief Mackay at 7:00 p.m. Asst. Chief Trebisacci was absent. Also present were Foreman Peter Fusaro and 2nd Asst. Foreman Dwayne Baker of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1 with candidate Keegan Main, 2nd Lieutenant Kyle Austin of the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1 with candidate Michael Banks.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Asst. Chief Fusaro to approve the bills of the evening. Motion passed 3-0. The following bills were paid:

Ginger's Service Station 401 2,354.79

McQuade's Ace 402 80.60

National Grid 404 807.48

National Grid 405 288.69

National Grid 406 406.43

Fagan Door 407 421.00

McQuade's Ace 407 450.62

National Grid 408 315.99
Ginger's Service Station 501 411.15
Ginger's Service Station 502 902.61
Ginger's Car Wash 504 26.00
Paul Cornelius 504 350.00
Westerly Auto Parts 504 48.09
Motorola 602 78.00
McQuade's Ace 603 52.95
IAAI-Dennis McGouran 900 75.00
The Sun 1100 94.60
Shipman's Fire Equipment 1204 24.25
FedEx 1500 37.33
Office Depot 1500 192.64
Quill.com 1500 30.00
WB Mason 1500 135.22
Loggia Piave #364 1700 175.00
Sherwin Williams 2100 139.61
Town of Westerly-3rd quarter 2800 540.91
Globalstar 9400 54.89

Interviews were conducted with prospective candidates for the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1 and the Rhode Island Steam Fire Engine Co. #1 separately. Keegan Main was introduced by Foreman Fusaro. The Board reviewed standards of conduct and expectations for the candidate. He was welcomed aboard. Mr. Main and the officers of the Alert Hook & Ladder Co. #1 left the meeting. 2nd Lieutenant Austin

introduced prospective candidate Michael Banks. The Board reviewed standards of conduct and expectations for the candidate. He was welcomed aboard. Mr. Banks and Lt. Austin left the meeting.

Asst. Chief Fusaro asked Chief Mackay for the number of responses to Box 546 from June 1, 2012 to February 4, 2014. He stated the tenants were becoming frustrated with the number of false alarms set off by improper cooking and were not evacuating the building. He asked Chief Mackay if the department had any liability if these people did not evacuate. Chief Mackay stated the individuals were responsible for themselves, the department has no liability. Asst. Chief Fusaro asked a letter be sent to the owner of the building to inform him of the number of responses and remind him of the responsibility to clean the detectors. Chief Mackay would advise Fire Alarm Superintendent McGouran to handle it.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported training was set up with Ashaway Fire Department on May 4, 2014. This was planned as a drafting drill and would include setting up a fill site for tankers. This will count as a drivers drill.

Asst. Chief Fusaro reported he would be sending a letter to the Rhode Island Fire Academy for a Firefighter I class in the fall of this year. Chief Mackay stated we would be able to take advantage of a grant that will purchase turnout gear for all those who pass the class. Asst. Chief Fusaro asked if Chief Mackay could formally request this so we may take advantage of the grant. Chief Mackay stated he would speak with Fire Alarm Superintendent McGouran who is a Rhode Island Fire Academy Class Coordinator. He would send the request.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported on the drivers meetings. He would be attending the company meetings to meet with those drivers that were unable to attend the 2 meetings.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked the status of the physical policy. Chief Mackay was finalizing it.

Asst. Chief Morrone asked for the status of the Department ID Cards. Chief Mackay reported the joint purchase had been made with Dunn's Corners Fire Department and they were in the process of creating ID cards for their members. We would have access to the machine when they completed their members.

Asst. Chief Morrone reported he had received quotes for the work to be done to the Pool Room, TV Room and Side Room The total for all work which includes new flooring, painting, moving the pool table and refinishing it, moving the door to the Pool Room and new lighting totaled approximately \$8,700.00. Motion made by Asst. Chief Morrone, seconded by Chief Mackay to move forward with this project. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Mackay spoke with Ernest Campbell about the rekeying of the two stations. The estimate was \$500.00. Motion made by Chief Mackay, seconded by Asst. Chief Morrone to rekey both stations. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Chief Mackay viewed Mystic Fire Department's new rescue truck. He also spoke to Chief Scott Barber of the Richmond-Carolina Fire Department about viewing their rescue truck. He would set up times after the return of Asst. Chief Trebisacci.

Chief Mackay reported he attended the Southern League's

Legislators' Night. The entire Southern League voiced its concerns with the posting of minutes for groups within the fire departments who receive operating funds without taxing for them. Legislators promised to work to resolve this issue. They were also told the healthcare requirement under Obama care does not affect volunteer departments. Southern League representatives additionally expressed concerns with Governor Chaffee's proposed budget which would cut funding to the Rhode Island Fire Marshal's office and the Rhode Island Fire Academy.

Chief Mackay reported he and **Asst. Chief Fusaro** met with representatives of **FireCom** to review their head sets. Both agreed the headsets were not needed at this time.

Money collected by the District:

Business Inspections	200.00
Smoke inspections	180.00

Agenda for the next meeting

Reading of the Minutes of the last meeting

Bills for the evening

Any Business properly brought before the Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro Jr.